



# NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PLUM RIDGE'S DESK

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### FIRST MASS-PRODUCED ELECTRIC CAR

The first mass-produced fully-electric car, Mitsubishi's i-MiEV, was recently launched at Parliament House in Canberra by Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese who said the first 40 cars available in Australia will be offered to governments, the media and fleet buyers as a way of encouraging by example. The i-MiEV motor uses no petrol and produces no emissions. 5 of these cars were made available for use in SA and it is gratifying that the Council was chosen to trial one of the cars. The Council's car's batteries will be recharged with solar or green power.



**However, the technology is not without its critics.** Clive Matthews of the *Dog and Lemon Guide* in a recent report claimed "The car industry is selling a false image of efficient, environmentally-friendly electric cars. "Claims that electric cars are 'emissions-free' are simply a lie; they merely transfer the pollution from the road to the power station. Not only will electric cars not reduce emissions, they may actually increase emissions, because burning coal to make electricity to power an electric car creates more pollution than if you simply powered the same vehicle using petrol."

**The Council's Climate Change Action Plan and its strong commitment to energy reduction, the promotion of electric and hybrid vehicles and its target to be carbon neutral by 2012 stood it in good stead to be chosen to be part of the 3-year trial and evaluation of the Mitsubishi i-MiEV.**

At the launch, Senator Wong said: "We know the transport sector is a significant emitter, with emissions of about 79 million tonnes a year - or 15 per cent of national emissions - in 2009. The efforts of Australians to reduce their carbon footprint on the road, by driving fuel efficient vehicles or taking public transport, do make a difference."

### ADELAIDE OVAL

It seems to me a great shame that the development of the Adelaide Oval, which should be one of the most exciting projects for South Australia in a long-time – perhaps since the Festival Centre was announced – should have become mired in controversy and the subject of a game of political football (if you will pardon the pun).

I think everyone would agree that the return of football to the Adelaide Oval would be a plus for the viability of the current under-construction \$90m upgrade of the Oval as well as the life and activity of city businesses. Undoubtedly this means that SANFL and SACA have to recognise and reconcile each other's interests. The only problem is that there are other players who have not been recognised in any formal way up until now. In fact the Council is, by statute, the custodian of the Park Lands and the landlord of the real estate in question. Council performs this role as **enduring trustee for the people of South Australia**. In addition there is the **Adelaide Park Lands Authority** which was set up to advise Government and Council on Park Lands issues. Then there is **the general public** which surely has a right to be heard as well as many specialist organisations such as the **Adelaide Park Lands Preservation Assoc** and of course the **paid-up members of SANFL and SACA!** It is disappointing that Ian McLachlan in all his drum-beating and promotion of Oval redevelopment to his members never acknowledges that **SACA is Council's tenant occupying the community's Park Lands**.

Council is entitled to be concerned about ▪ increased building footprint ▪ excision of the Oval precinct from its care and control ▪ threats to existing community benefits ▪ the extent of car parking *versus* access by public transport and use of city car parks. **All these issues rightly concern Council - none of them should be a deal-breaker, given open consultation and good will on all sides - above all we need total inclusiveness and honesty.** It will also be interesting to see how these proposals are adjudged to fit with the **Park Lands National Heritage status** and how the **Federal Member for Adelaide, Kate Ellis**, will deal with the concerns of her constituents.

The **LONDON ELECTROBUS COMPANY**, was a bus operator in London that started in 1906 and had to close a couple of years later. The fleet of buses was powered by electricity and batteries, making it a forerunner of today's

electric buses. The company used a breaking-edge technology to power its buses and was popular amongst the public for the quiet and clean buses. But speculation and mismanagement led to the company's demise. **Now, 100 years later we have Tindo**, powered by batteries which are charged by a solar array on the Grote St bus station roof. Solar power is fed into the grid by day and charges Tindo's batteries by night.



**ADELAIDE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY (APLA) – Meeting held 15 July (next Meeting 19 August at 5.30pm)**

■ A **Motion without Notice** was moved by **Cllr Moran**. After much discussion it was resolved to advise the Council that following APLA's briefing by the Stadium Management Authority, APLA considered the following matters were fundamental to the **protection of the Park Lands** in the development of the **Adelaide Oval**.

■ **The retention of the name "Adelaide Oval"** ■ **The use of the precinct for car parking in accordance with the provisions of the current CLMP** ■ **Appropriate rent should be charged commensurate with the benefit enjoyed by the lessee and the necessary maintenance and protection of the Park Lands** ■ **The Council retaining the custody and control of the precinct which includes the collecting of fees to be reinvested into the Park Lands.** ■ **Adelaide Oval not be excised from the Park Lands or the custody of the Council.**



■ (Item 5.1) **Kevin Taylor** of TLC gave a presentation on the **Landscape Management Plan** which he is currently preparing.

■ (Item 6.1) Consideration of this item (**The Park Lands Marketing Plan**) was deferred to the next meeting.

■ (Item 6.2) APLA supported the building of a **Golf Cart Storage Facility** at the Golf Links subject to more detailed drawings.

**DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL – The 19 July meeting was not held (next Meeting 2 August 5.30)**

**ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE – Meeting held 14 July**

(Item 6.1) The Committee noted the successful outcomes achieved against the actions of the 2009-2010 Reconciliation Action Plan and recommended that Council endorses the **2010-2011 draft Action Plan** as amended by the Committee.

(Item 6.4) The Committee was advised of a potential **Ramindjeri Native Title Claim**. The Committee also noted their concern at lack of consultation during the design process for the **Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga Regeneration Project**.

(Item 7.1) The resignation of **Sharon Meagher** was accepted with regret and it was resolved to send an appreciation letter.

**COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting held 26 July (Next Meeting 30 August at 5.30pm)**

**(Note : Cée Meetings for August will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - both groups starting at the later time of 5.30pm)**

The **Public Forum** heard from **AI3DE** organisers requesting more funds and from Ms Henderson re Whitmore Sq.

■ I asked a **Question on Notice** dealing with rates paid by the owners of 88 O'Connell St (**the LeCornu site**).

■ **Motions on Notice** were moved by 1) **Cllr Moran** on ■ 2011 Clipsal sponsorship (lost) ■ Parking infringement notices (lost) ■ funding support for Anglicare's Great Chefs Dinner (carried) ■ Pedestrian safety issues in the CBD.

2) **Cllr Clarke** on ■ Committee Terms of Reference ■ Come Out Festival – Street Pianos Project (passed) ■ Park Lands accessibility for restricted mobility transportation (lost) ■ and 3) **Cllr Wilkinson** on Connections to GAP water by Pulteney School associated with new basketball courts (lost but with variations) ■ Designated motor-bike parking spaces (lost). A **Motion without Notice** was successfully moved by **Cllr Moran** to adopt APLA advice in relation to the **Adelaide Oval development** (refer APLA Meeting report above for details of the APLA advice)

**10. MATTERS DETERMINED BY COUNCIL**

■ (Item 10.1) Council granted an **easement** for over a private road to assist a housing project in **Hocking Place**.

■ (Item 10.2) Council endorsed the draft **Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga Masterplan Report** to guide all future design direction for the square and adopted it as the **Community Land Management Plan** for this area.

■ (Item 10.3) **Rescission of the LMA** for Transferable Floor Area applicable to **26-30 Roper St.** was deferred.

■ (Item 10.4) Council agreed to **rescind the LMA** covering the site at **16-30 Young Street** Adelaide.

■ (Item 10.5) Council will seek development approval to prune a partially **dead tree in Mullawirraburka (Pk14)**

■ (Item 10.6) Council adopted recommendations from the **Reconciliation Committee** noting the successful outcomes achieved against the 2009-2010 Reconciliation Action Plan & endorsed the **10/11 draft Action Plan**.

■ (Item 10.7) The **Kaurna Native Title Claim** over parts of SA (including Adelaide) was **lodged in 2000**. Council, one of 29 respondent Councils has agreed to work through an **Indigenous Land Use Agreement (IULA)** process. This has languished but it is now hoped to gain acceptance by the aboriginal people involved.

■ (Item 10.8) Council will make **extra HIS funds** available for the **restoration of the Minarets** at the Adelaide Mosque. This has been necessitated by the unexpected collapse of brickwork during recent restoration work.

■ (Item 10.9) Council will ask approval of the Surveyor-Genl to name the road leading off Charlotte St **Don Lane**.

■ (Item 10.10) The **Central Market** Community Land Management Plan consultation results were received and the **Plan was adopted**. (as contained in Attachment 'C'-qv) Because some submissions dealt with leasing matters which were outside the scope of the CLMP, **it was also resolved to review** the Central Market Business Charter.

■ (Item 10.11) Council agreed to a variation to the special **SACA lease of Oval No 2** subject to consultation (If approved, this will 'allow' SACA to store roof frames on the Oval, which they have been doing for months-farcical!)

■ (Item 10.12) Approval was given for ■ Cheesefest in Rymill Park 17 October ■ Schutzenfest at Ellis Park 14/15 January ■ Powderfinder Concerts 16 Sept and 30 Oct at Tennis SA ■ World Tennis Challenge (WTC) 11-13 January. These events will involve car parking on Pinky Flat (WTC) and the North Park Lands (both) which is yet another abuse of these **important tourist attractions** while the **designated car park** is used media and catering!

**11. MATTERS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE FOR DETERMINATION**

■ (Item 11.1) **City Design and Character Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 12 July were adopted: ■ **Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga** The 192 formal submissions were noted and it was agreed that they be used to inform the next stage of the design. ■ **A Submission to the Productivity Commission** regarding planning, zoning and development assessment was endorsed.

■ (Item 11.2) **City Growth and Sustainability Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 12 July were adopted ■ Council agreed to the proposed location for the Aquatic Centre Cogeneration Plant. ■ The Council endorsed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report on the implementation of the **Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan**

■ (Item 11.3) **City Vibrancy Committee** Advice and recommendations from the meeting of 13 July were adopted ■ The Council approved the establishment of a new golf cart storage and recharge facility at the **Adelaide Golf Links** based on more detailed design drawings as submitted to the meeting by Dash Architects.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

(Items 12/13) - **Sturt Living** – Housing Affordability Fund. (Items 14/15) - **Vic Square/Tarndanyangga** – Award of Detailed Design Contract. (Items 16/17) - **Supply of Asphalt**. (Items 18/19) – **India Pty Ltd** – Legal Dispute.